



# AKER ARCTIC TECHNOLOGY

## Offshore wind power challenges in ice

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# Offshore wind potential in the Baltic

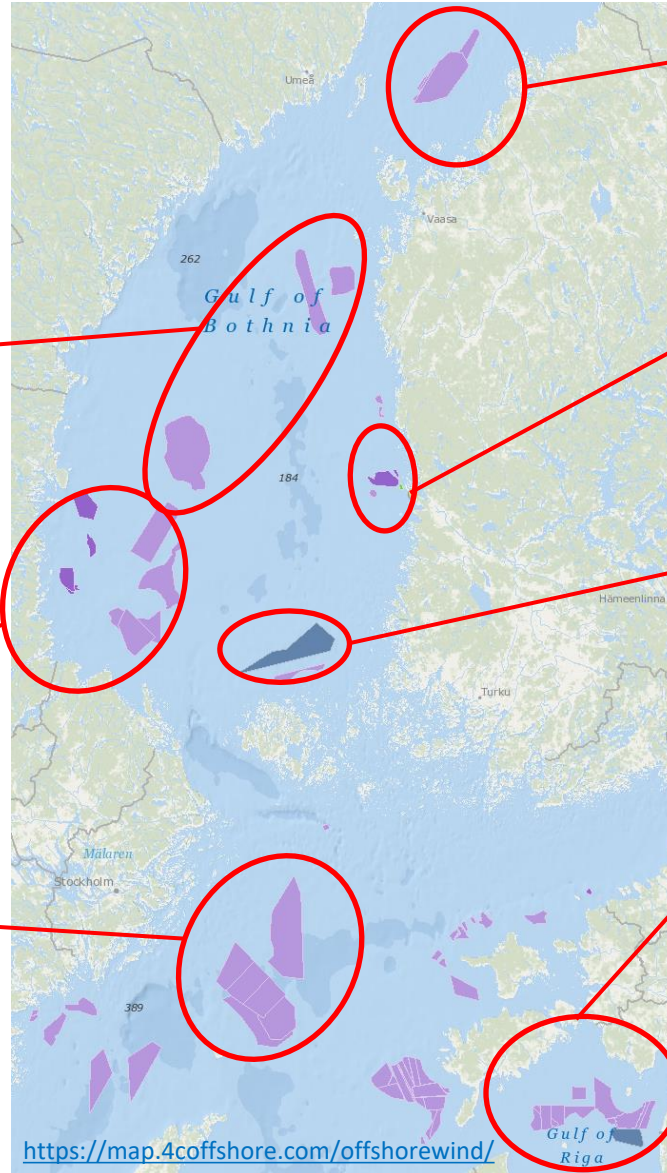
~ Number of turbines  
Northern Baltic Sea region

TOTAL 300 - 330

TOTAL 1085 - 1210

TOTAL 850 - 1000

All total: ≈ 3350 – 4000



TOTAL 430 - 460

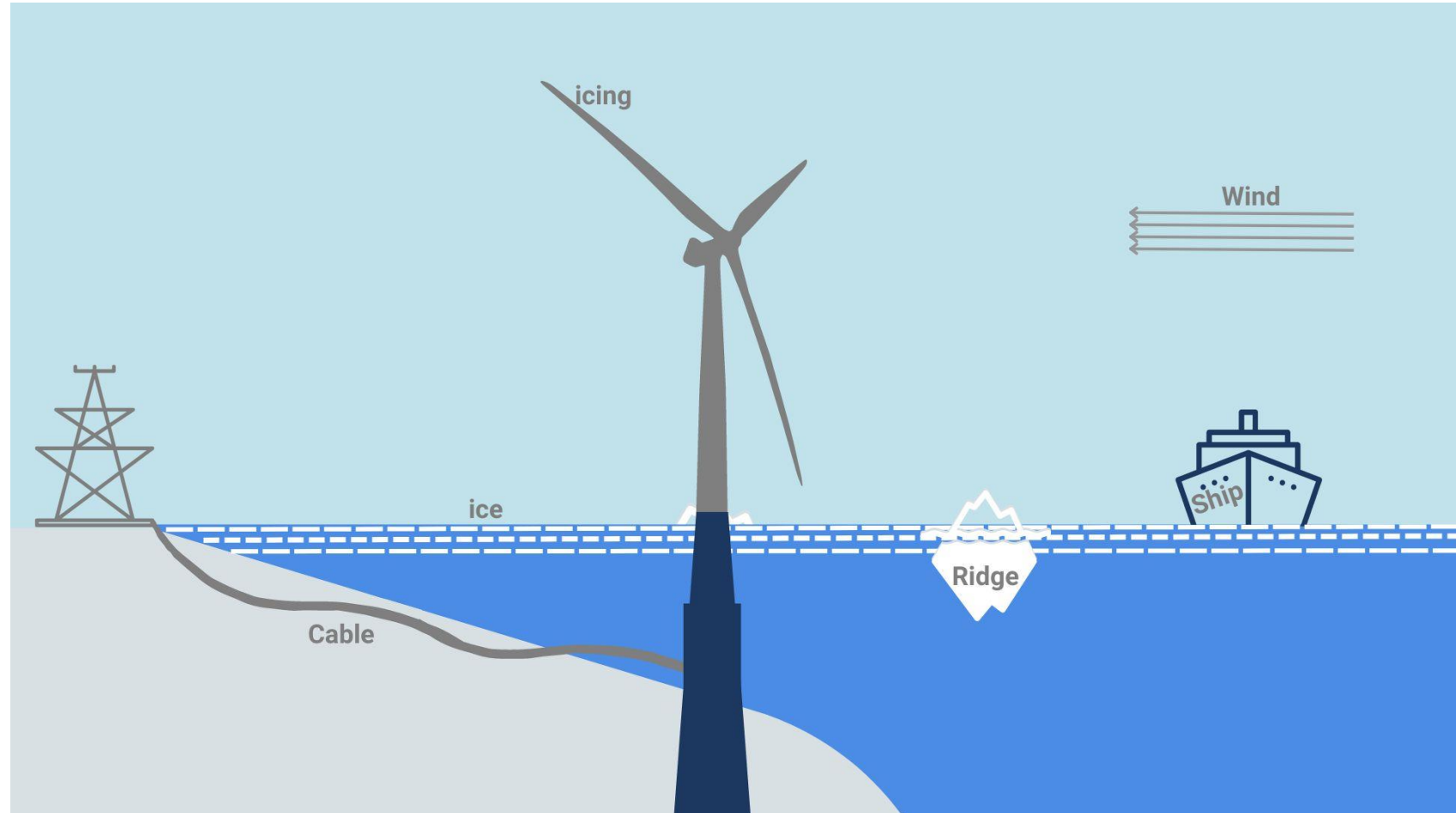
TOTAL 200 - 225

TOTAL 475-860

TOTAL 895 - 1170

# Ice related challenges

- Ice drift
  - Wind & current
  - Winter Traffic
- Ice loads on foundations
  - Global forces
  - Local pressure
  - Ice induced vibrations
- Service operations during winter
- Icing – Winterization/de-icing
- Cable ice protection
- Limited installation season
  - Installation during easy ice season ?
- Logistics are limited to summer season ?

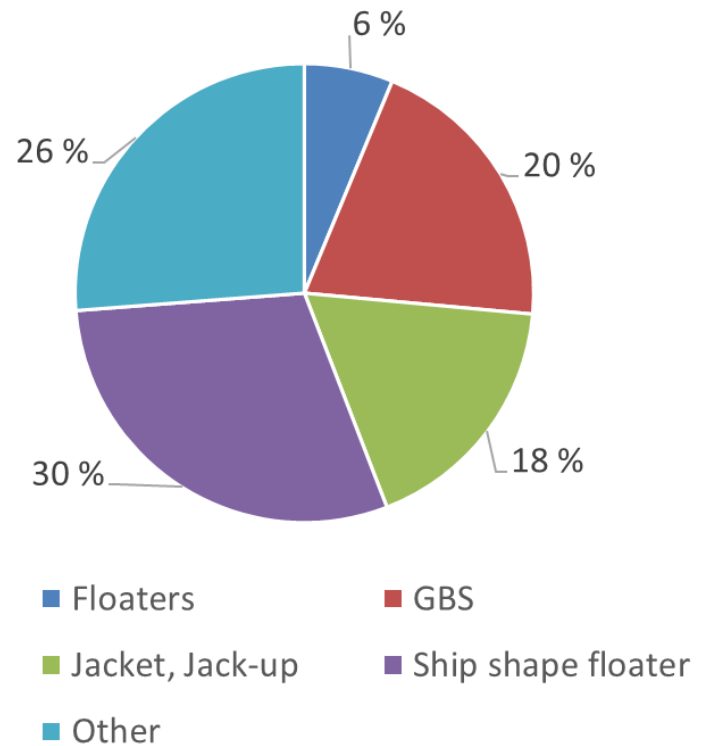


# Aker Arctic role in offshore wind projects

- 📍 Ice conditions assessment
- 🚢 Offshore wind foundations design consultation
- 🚢 Ship concepts and fleet definitions
- ⚓ Marine Logistics
- ➡ Ice management
- 💡 Ice model test (ex: foundations, substations, ships)

# Model test – Offshore structures

Tests per structure type (31.5.2022)  
Total = 1629 tests

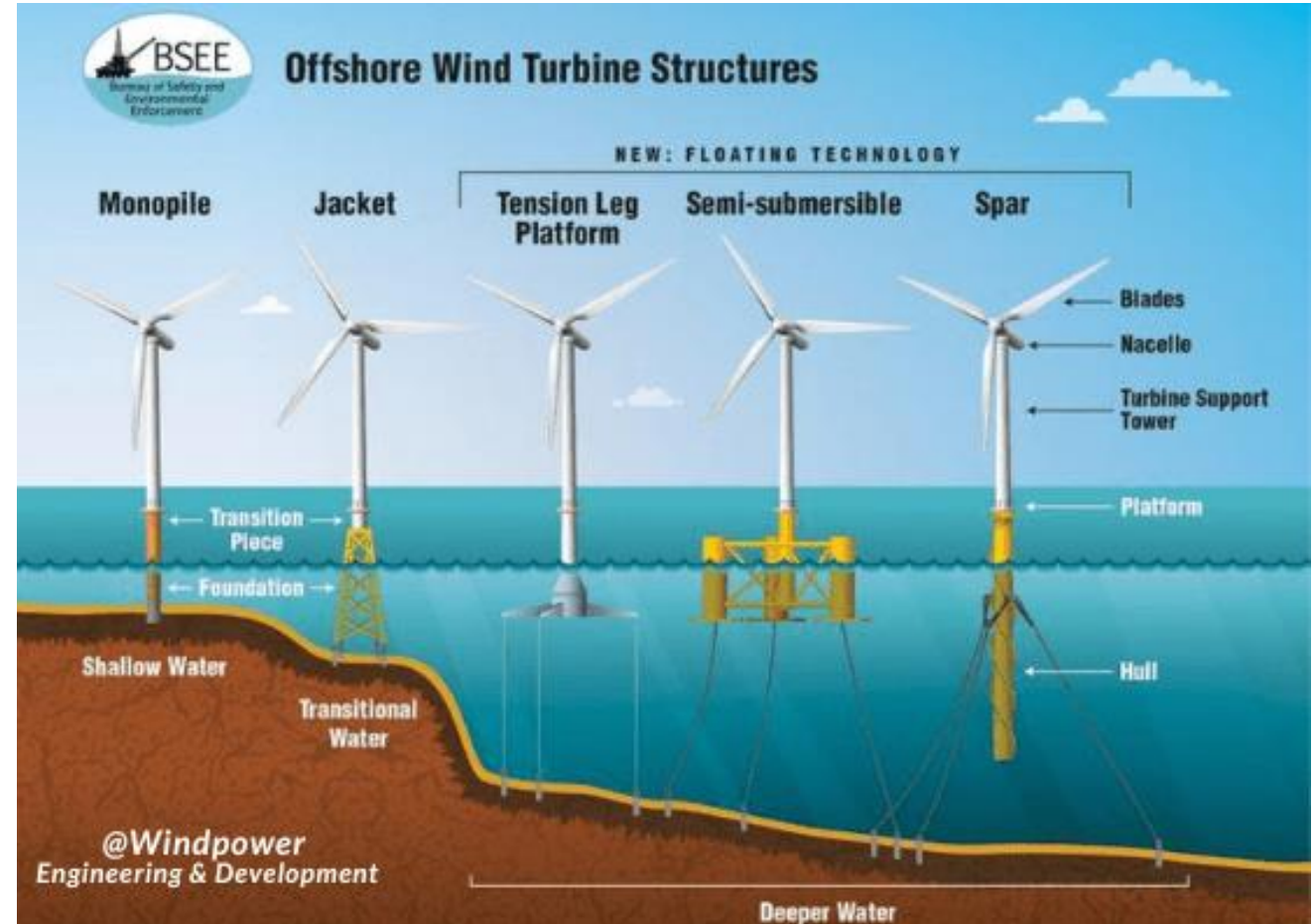


Artificial island model test

# How to choose a foundation?

## Key parameters:

- Seabed sediment structure
- Water depth
- Wave load
- Ice load



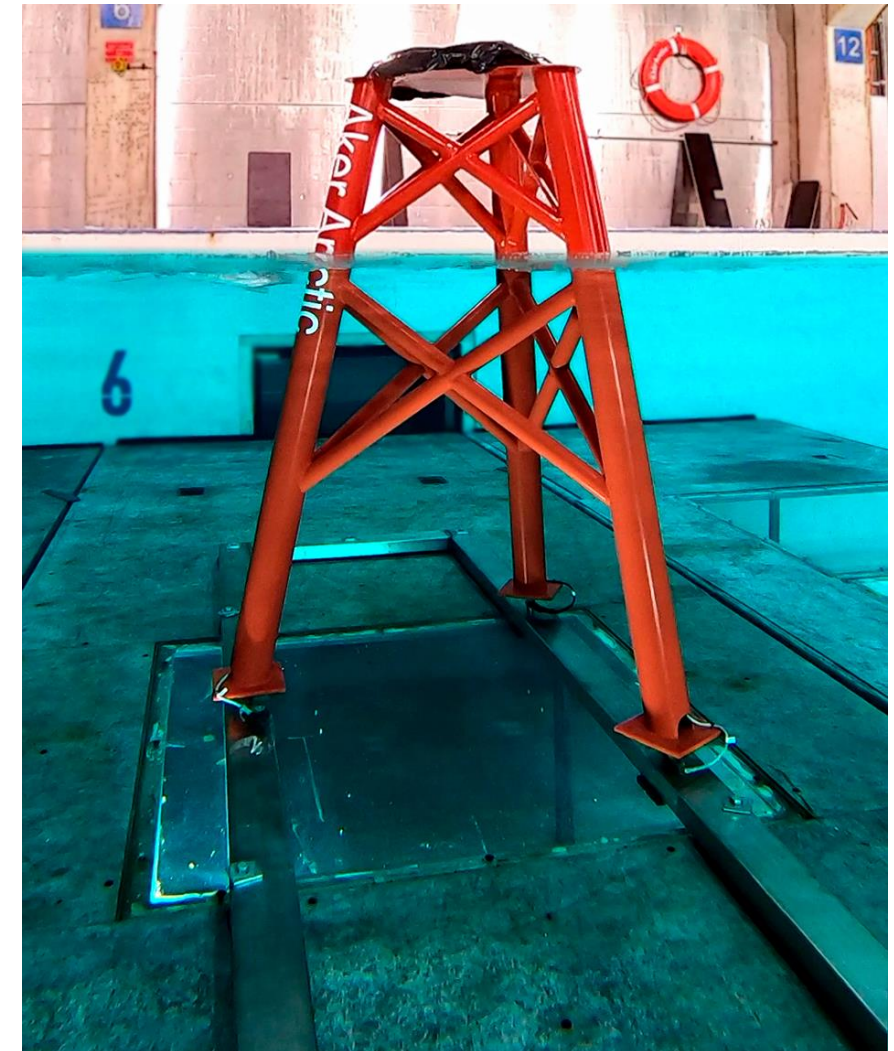
<https://www.windedition.com/introducing-different-types-of-offshore-wind-turbine-foundations-fixed-and-floating/>

# Offshore wind turbine foundation model test

- Scale factor (1:20)
  - Ice thickness
  - Water depth
  - Drift speed
- Ice loads are measured
- Observations: pile up around the structure

	Model scale (1:20)	Full scale
Ice thickness	25 mm	50 cm
Water depth	1.0 m	20 m
Ice drift speed*	34 mm/s	0.15 m/s
Structure height	1.4 m	28 m
Pipe-leg angle	77 °	77 °

\*based on wind speed of 5-15 m/s on the Baltic Sea



# Offshore wind turbine foundation model tests

- Practicalities for our model test
- 3 groups/3 views
  - Sea level
  - Underwater side
  - Underwater bottom





# Thank you

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